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SUBJECT: LOS: NATO CONSULTATIONS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: ON FEBRUARY 4, POLADS DISCUSSED PROPOSED DATE AND AGENDA FOR NAC CONSULTATIONS ON LOS. BROAD CONSENSUS EMERGED IN FAVOR OF THIS CONSULTATION TAKING PLACE ON EITHER MARCH 6 OR MARCH 4, AND IN FAVOR OF THE AGENDA PROPOSED BY THE US. END SUMMARY.

1. RE DATE:

US REP (LEDOGAR) EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT PROPOSED MARCH 6 DATE IS SO CLOSE TO LOS CONFERENCE THAT NATO CONSULTATIONS WOULD HAVE LITTLE IMPACT ON POLICY-MAKING PROCESS IN NATO COUNTRIES. CONFIDENTIAL

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HE PROPOSED MEETING DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24. ITALIAN REP (FERRETTI) REPORTED HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE SOME CONCERN AND WOULD PREFER MEETING DURING LAST PART OF FEBRUARY. HOWEVER, IF MAJORITY PREFERS MARCH 6, ROME COULD AGREE TO THAT DATE. MAJORITY OF

POLADS, INCLUDING FRG, UK, FRANCE, DENMARK, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, NORWAY AND CANADA, EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR MARCH 6. IT SEEMS LOS EXPERTS FROM THE EC-9 WILL BE IN BRUSSELS MARCH 5 ON OTHER BUSINESS. NETHERLANDS REP (HORAK) SUGGESTED NAC CONSULTATION MIGHT TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 4 INSTEAD OF MARCH 6 AS THAT DATE WOULD BE EQUALLY CONVENIENT FOR EC-9 EXPERTS. ONLY GREECE FAVORED A DATE AFTER MARCH 6. CHAIRMAN, NOTING PREFERENCE FOR MARCH 6 OR EARLIER DATE, REQUESTED DELEGATIONS SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON WHETHER MARCH 4 OR MARCH 6 WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

2. RE AGENDA:

FRG REP (CITRON) SAID AGENDA OUGHT TO INCLUDE FOLLOWING THREE ITEMS:

- A. THE PROBLEM OF THE STRAITS.
- B. SPECIFIC STATUS OF ARCHIPELAGO STATES.
- C. DEMARCATION OF TERRITORIAL SEAS ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, SPECIFICALLY BETWEEN NEIGHBORING STATES OR STATES FACING EACH OTHER.

CANADIAN REP (FOWELL) WISHED AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A. MILITARY USES OF WATERS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE.
- B. MILITARY USES OF THE SEABED, BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE.

SEVERAL OTHER REPS, HOWEVER, INCLUDING THOSE OF UK, DENMARK, GREECE AND NORWAY, FAVORED THE US-SUGGESTED AGENDA (REF B), AND SAID IT SEEMED PREFERABLE TO USE SUCH BROADLY STATED AGENDA TOPICS WHICH WOULD EMBRACE THE MORE SPECIFIC ONES SUGGESTED BY THE GREEK AND CANADIAN DELEGATES. ITALIAN REP ALSO INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR US AGENDA EXCEPT HE FAVORED INSERTION OF A WORD SUCH AS "POSSIBLE" OR "EVENTUAL" BEFORE "ECONOMIC ZONE" SO AS NOT TO PREJUDGE WHETHER LOS CONFERENCE WILL AGREE TO CONCEPT OF AN ECONOMIC ZONE.

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3. REQUEST GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR FEBRUARY 11 POLADS ON WHETHER US CAN ACCEPT MARCH 4 AS ALTERNATIVE TO MARCH 6 AS DATE FOR NATO CONSULTATION ON LOS.BRUCE

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